

received message and a keypad arrangement; and means, coupled to said display, for interacting with said key pad arrangement to modify said received message.

Similarly, in claim 2, Applicant claims a method for receiving a message in a selective call receiver comprises the steps of: receiving a message; displaying the received message; displaying a keypad arrangement; and interacting with the key pad arrangement to modify the message.

Converse to the Examiner's allegations, DeLuca teaches a selective call receiver capable of storing predetermined message characters and a processing circuitry for determining an amount of available space in the memory. When the space is determined to be insufficient for storing a message, one or more of the message characters are deleted prior to storing the message. (See Abstract.)

Learn, on the other hand, describes a data entry unit that has a board on which a matrix of cells are arranged. When turned on, each column is sequentially illuminated in a continuous cyclic fashion. The illumination of a column indicates that the data associated with the column is enabled. A handle attached to the board has four switches on it that can be readily manipulated. (See Abstract.) Additionally, Learn teaches that "[t]his matrix provides the input letters, numbers, and punctuation marks desired but is not deemed a keyboard herein because the user does not manipulate or manually actuate the cells." (Column 2, lines 13-16.)

Applicant respectfully submits singly or in combination, DeLuca and Learn do not teach or suggest a selective call receiver having a display (or means) for displaying the received message and a key pad arrangement, and a means coupled to the display for interacting with the key pad arrangement to modify the received message. The Examiner has admitted that DeLuca does not teach or suggest a key pad display to modify the message, and Learn teaches explicitly that its displayed matrix is not a keypad (key board) because the user does not manipulate or manually actuate the cells of the matrix.

In view of the Applicant remarks and the teachings of the DeLuca and Learn, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw his rejection because singly or in combination DeLuca, Learn, and common practice in the prior art do not teach or suggest a selective call receiver having a display (or means) for displaying the received message and a key pad arrangement, and a means coupled to the display for interacting with the key pad arrangement to modify the received message.

Regarding claims 3, 10, 15 and 16, the Examiner alleged that "a matrix (14) of alphanumeric characters are disclosed by Learn in Fig. 1 and described in column 3, lines 34-51. Thus, Learn suggests that the features of claims 3, 10, 15 and 16 would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art."

Applicant respectfully submits that 3, 10, 15, and 16 are allowable because they depend from independent claims 2, 9, and 13 respectively which are believed to be allowable in view of Applicant's remarks above.

With regards to the Examiner's rejections of claims 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 14, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, and 14 are allowable because they depend from independent claims 2, 5, 9 and 13 respectively which are believed to be allowable in view of Applicant's remarks above.

Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection of claims 1-16 under 35 U.S.C. §103 has been overcome by the amendment and remarks.

The remaining cited references have been reviewed and are not believed to affect the patentability of the claims as amended.

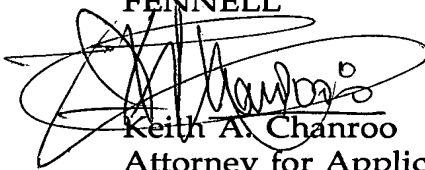
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In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Should the Examiner have any further comments and suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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